



## Dates for the Diary

### November

**Wednesday** 30<sup>th</sup> **Bible Study** 7.30 pm  
**The Holy Spirit in the Christmas Story**

### December

**Friday** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Youth Group** at the Barlows' 7.00 pm

**Tuesday** 6<sup>th</sup> **Deacons' Meeting** 7.30 pm at Janet and Adam's

**Friday** 9<sup>th</sup> **Seconds Out Christmas Meal at The Hare and Hounds**

**Saturday** 10<sup>th</sup> **Kids' Club - Star Event** 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm Children 4 and upwards welcome.

**Sunday** 11<sup>th</sup> **Toy Service - Wrapped** (Boy / Girl / Age labelled please) or unwrapped. Toys will be given to Eric Firth for distributing to the needy. The lose offering will be given to Spurgeons' work with children and families

**Monday** 12<sup>th</sup> **St Peter's Consort Carol Concert**  
7.30 pm all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

**Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> **Prayer Evening** 7.30 pm at Church

**Sunday** 18<sup>th</sup> **Carols by Candlelight** 6.30 pm The offering for tonight will be for Forget-me-not Trust children's hospice

**Monday** 19<sup>th</sup> **Carol Singing in the Sugar Lane Area** in aid of Kirkwood Hospice. All welcome.

**Tuesday** 20<sup>th</sup> **Carols at Sunnyside Care Home** 2.00 pm all welcome

**Saturday** 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion** 11.30 pm

**Sunday** 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day Service** 9.30 am Today's lose offering will be for BMS Relief Fund  
No evening service

**Tuesday** 27<sup>th</sup> **"After the Turkey" Walk.** Meet at 10.00 am in the main car park in Grassington for a bracing walk and pub lunch.

### January

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> **New Years Day Morning Service** No evening service.

**Friday** 6<sup>th</sup> **The Epiphany Party** 7.00 pm in the small hall

**Sunday** 15<sup>th</sup> **Retirement Event** for Gaynor Hammond at Trinity Church, Rawdon 2.30 pm

**Saturday** 28<sup>th</sup> **Ernie Whalley's Retirement** do at Huddersfield Methodist Mission 2.30 pm

### February

**Saturday** 18<sup>th</sup> **Induction of Graham Ensor** as Regional Minister Team Leader 2.30 pm

**CARE Dewsbury** meets in the Small Hall each **Monday and Thursday** from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

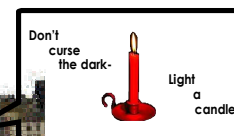
**Aerobics Every Tuesday at 6.15 pm in the Main Hall.**

**Please Note!** Any date which you would like shown here must be given to **Liz Exley**, Secretary and keeper of the Church Diary.



First  
in  
Advent

Dewsbury Baptist Church



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A very warm welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
to everyone joining us today for worship.



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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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**Everyone Welcome  
First in Advent  
Sunday Services  
Led by**

**10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall**

All age worship: "Come, Lord Jesus"  
Sermon theme: "Keep watch", Matthew 25:1-13

**6.30 pm Rev. Brian Goodall**

The Valley of Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Supervisors Noreen and Sue**

**Door Stewards Liz and Christine**

After the service this morning, children will be supervised downstairs until 12.30 pm. This church adheres to the Baptist Union **Safe to Grow** policy. Please ensure your children are supervised at all times, either by yourself or an approved supervisor. Our advocates are **Liz Exley** and **Adam Momčilović**.

**Events This Week**

**Wednesday Bible Study 7.30 pm**

The Holy Spirit in the Christmas Story

**Friday Youth Group** at the Barlows' 7.00 pm

**Next Week's**

**Second Sunday in Advent Services**

**10.45 am Rev. Brian Goodall**

Communion Service

All-age worship: God's word, the Bible  
Sermon theme: Your word is truth, John 17:17

**6.30 pm Rev. Brian Goodall**

"His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom", Daniel 7:15-28

**Supervisors Margaret and Janet**

**Door Stewards Noreen and Katie**

**Remember!  
Help us to grow  
With Five Four Oh**  
(Our weekly offering target)

I seem to have made a good start for Advent this year. Last Sunday, I was jumping the gun with two sermons on the theme: "Prophets foretold him", starting with Isaiah and Jeremiah. Today, the morning service will centre around the theme highlighted by the first candle – the Advent hope: Jesus will come again. The prophets move over to the evening services for a week or two, with Ezekiel this evening, Daniel next week and who knows where we'll go after that. This evening it will be probably the best known passage in Ezekiel, the Valley of Dry Bones. I won't promise to sing "Dem dry bones" for you, but it should turn out to be even more interesting than that.



The whole purpose of Advent is to provide a space in which we can prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. Some Christian traditions, the Orthodox, for example, observe Advent by fasting from certain foods, such as meat – a practice which probably makes the Christmas dinner even more attractive. It's a bit of a challenge for us, in the midst of hectic preparations for presents and parties, to take time when we can reflect on the significance of it all. The Biblefresh daily readings may help, and I hope that the times we spend together on Sundays in Advent will also give us some space for that purpose.

As one who finds it easier to get caught up in the frantic preparations than in the calm reflection, I hope that for all of us this year Advent will be a time of peace and joy.

Take care,

Brian

**News Around**

**The Pews**

**Does anyone** remember Tim Lewis, who was a child in Sunday School in the early 1950s? Tim, who now lives in Cyprus, has sent a message via Facebook, which can be seen in church today.

**Our two teams raised £1537** at the Wheatfields Hospice Quiz Night. They came 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and won the sponsorship shield. We all had a superb evening of fun and entertainment.



**For  
Your  
Prayers**

**Please remember** those in our fellowship who have been affected by seasonal ailments recently. We hope they will all have a speedy recovery.

**The BU Prayer Guide** focuses on Spurgeon's College. **BMS World Mission** asks us to pray for Christian work in Albania. **The YBA Prayer Diary** points us to Baptist churches at Vale (Todmorden), Wakefield and Ward Green (Barnsley). Also we remember Nolene Hobson, a Minister with the Independent Methodists, who is in Leeds General Infirmary for heart surgery.

**Other Announcements**

**Two retirement events** are mentioned on the back page: Gaynor Hammond on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at Trinity, Rawdon and Ernie Whalley on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> at Huddersfield Methodist Mission. If you would like to attend either of these, please see Liz or add your name to the list in church today.

**There is still** the opportunity to 'pledge a pound and lose a luxury' in aid of charities helping the homeless – including CARE Dewsbury. There is a plate available for your £1.00 in church today.

**At last!** Our new signboard is fixed over the Manor Street entrance and highly visible from the ring road. Many thanks to Andy and Dick for their muscle power.



**Suggested Bible Readings  
For the Week from  
"Running the Race"  
The Biblefresh  
Advent Prayer Guide**

**Monday**

Hebrews 12:1 - 3 Encouraged along the way

**Tuesday**

Matthew 5:14 - 16 Light of the World

**Wednesday**

Matthew 11:25 - 30 Burdens lifted

**Thursday**

Matthew 26:36 - 44 Are we ready?

**Friday**

Philippians 3:10 - 14 Press on

**Saturday**

1 John 1: 9 Simply confess

**Sunday**

Matthew 28:16 - 20 Welcoming the nations



**BMS  
Birthday  
Scheme  
December  
Birthdays**

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs M. Fothergill  
6<sup>th</sup> Mr P. Dixon  
15<sup>th</sup> Mrs J. Wilson  
18<sup>th</sup> Mrs M. Probyn  
30<sup>th</sup> Mr D. N. Spedding  
30<sup>th</sup> Miss Grace Kilduff



**This is your notice sheet - all articles are welcomed. Please submit them by Thursday to Adam Momcilovic adam@dewsburybaptistchurch.co.uk**